

ANNUAL REPORT 1986-87

Year of Self-Study

National Accreditation Council

for Agencies Serving
the Blind & Visually
Handicapped



Goals

- To promote the development of modern, effective and sound programs of services for blind and visually handicapped children and adults primarily through accreditation and all other effective means.
- To develop and periodically review standards for professional services and administration for agencies which are concerned with education, health, recreation, rehabilitation and social welfare services or which are designed to promote and improve all or any such services.
- To cooperate with appropriate local, state, regional, national and international organizations whose activities are concerned with education, health, recreation, rehabilitation and social welfare services or which are designed to promote and improve all or any such services.
- To improve services for blind and visually handicapped persons through the promotion of cooperative effort among appropriate organizations, agencies and associations; through research; through accrediting processes; and through education.

Commission on Accreditation

Goal: Administer the accreditation function and maintain effective relationships with accredited agencies and schools and the accreditation community in order to strengthen quality services, management responsibility, and public accountability in organizations serving blind and visually handicapped persons.

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Commission on Standards

Goal: Develop, revise, and maintain sets of management and service standards that reflect a consensus of existing knowledge and acceptable practice, and that are designed to strengthen organizational functioning, and to assure quality services, responsible management, and public accountability.

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Executive Report

Overall, the 1986-87 fiscal year was a productive one for the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind & Visually Handicapped. In addition to celebrating a 20th anniversary, NAC's achievements included the:

- * Accreditation of two new organizations
- * Training of 85 additional on-site review team volunteers through the delivery of nine training programs
- * Revision of NAC's Standards for Workshop Services
- * Initiation of the revision of all remaining standards for agency services
- * Renewal of NAC's recognition by the U.S. Department of Education as "the reliable authority for the quality of education provided by specialized schools for the blind and visually handicapped," including organizations providing postsecondary vocational educational programs, for the maximum four-year period.

Our major undertaking this year was a comprehensive self-study of NAC's accreditation process, structure, internal operations, and finances. Initiated by our own Executive Committee, the following objectives were established for the twelve-month project:

1. Streamline the accreditation and standards revision processes;
2. Restructure the organization to achieve increased efficiency and effectiveness;
3. Measure NAC's performance—both internally and externally;
4. Restructure NAC's dues and fee schedules to increase the percentage of operating revenues from the accreditation process.

The study was conducted with the guidance and assistance of a professional management consulting firm

and a carefully selected committee representative of a cross-section of the blindness field. We wish to thank Dr. Frank G. Dickey (committee chairman), Dr. Joseph E. Champagne, Dr. J. Elton Moore, LeRoy F. Saunders, and Dr. Richard L. Welsh for volunteering their expertise during this important project. We also wish to express appreciation to the hundreds of individuals and organizations nationwide who participated in our research by providing invaluable suggestions and supporting data.

Following Board approval of the self-study recommendations, we will begin their implementation toward a more fiscally independent, globally effective accrediting organization.

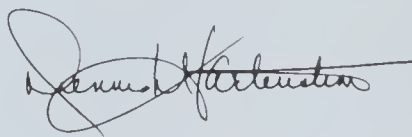
While we invested considerable resources this year in the self-study, we continued to make every effort to minimize operating expenses and streamline the organization in line with the cost-cutting plan we began two years ago. As a result, we are pleased to report a year-end surplus of income over expenses for the second consecutive year.

To reduce expenses further, the Board of Directors elected at its December meeting to decrease the size of the NAC Board from 35 members to 26 in 1987 and from 26 members to 21 effective January 1, 1988. At the same meeting, the Board voted to restructure the Commission on Advancement of Accreditation into an independent, national committee of volunteers interested in working with organizations to further the use of standards and accreditation.

Key to NAC's progress in improving the quality of services for blind and visually handicapped persons over the past 20 years has been the ability to manage well in a volatile and politically challenging environment; a talented, hard working staff committed to excellence; and a tradition of dedicated, supportive volunteers, donors, and organizations. With these as a precedent, we look forward with confidence and optimism to the challenges and opportunities ahead.



Gibson M. DuTerroil
President



Dennis L. Hartenstine
Executive Director

Summary of Income and Expenses

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1987

INCOME

Contributions	\$354,963
Fees and Dues	103,415
Interest	10,724
Publication Sales	4,770
Other	6,609
TOTAL	\$480,481

EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES:	
Accreditation	\$232,593
Develop Standards	87,010
Public Information & Education	75,315
SUPPORTING SERVICES:	
Management & General	53,192
Fund Raising	27,697
TOTAL	\$475,807

ALLOCATION OF INCOME



For a complete copy of the audit prepared by KPMG Peat Marwick for year ended June 30, 1987, contact the National Accreditation Council.

Sponsors and Supporters

We wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge NAC's Sponsoring and Supporting members for their continuing commitment to our work.

Sponsors and Supporters are national and international, state, and local organizations which help NAC improve services to blind and visually handicapped Americans by promoting and supporting NAC standards and accreditation. These organizations, because their activities are not encompassed by the NAC standards, are not eligible to seek accreditation and are not evaluated by NAC.

SPONSORING MEMBERS

Affiliated Leadership League of and for the Blind of America
American Council of the Blind (ACB)
American Foundation for the Blind
Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Association of Rehabilitation Teachers
Council of Executives of American Residential Schools for the Visually Handicapped
Council of Rehabilitation Specialists, ACB
Delta Gamma Foundation
Division for the Visually Handicapped of the Council for Exceptional Children
General Council of Workshops for the Blind
Guide Dog Users, ACB
National Association of Blind Teachers, ACB
National Industries for the Blind
RP International
United States Association for Blind Athletes
Visually Impaired Secretarial Transcribers Association, ACB

SUPPORTING MEMBERS

Alabama Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
American Council of the Blind of Indiana
American Council of the Blind of Minnesota
American Council of the Blind of New Jersey
American Council of the Blind of New York State
American Council of the Blind of Ohio
American Council of the Blind of South Carolina
American Council of the Blind of Texas
American Diabetes Association
Arizona Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Arizona Council of the Blind
Arkansas Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Arkansas Council of the Blind
Arkansas Radio Reading Service for the Blind
Austin Junior Woman's Federation—C&E, "Sight Through Helping Hands"
Badger Association of the Blind, ACB of Wisconsin
Bay State Council of the Blind, Massachusetts
Bible Alliance
Blinded Veterans Association of New York

Connecticut Council of the Blind
Council of Citizens with Low Vision
Department of Blind Rehabilitation, Western Michigan University
The District of Columbia Association of Workers for the Blind
Florida Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Florida Council of the Blind
Georgia Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
The Hartford Graduate Center
Helen Keller International
Illinois Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Illinois Council of the Blind
Iowa Council of the Blind
Jacksonville Lions Club
Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Louisiana Council of the Blind
Maryland Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind
Michigan Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Minnesota Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Mississippi Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Mississippi Council of the Blind
Mountain State Council of the Blind, West Virginia
National Society to Prevent Blindness
N.J. Council of the Blind
New York Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Northern Rockies Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Ohio Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Oklahoma Council of the Blind
Old Dominion Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Virginia Affiliate of ACB
Pennsylvania Council of the Blind
Rhode Island Regional Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired
RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
South Dakota Association for the Blind
Southern California Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Tennessee Council of the Blind
Texas Association of Retinitis Pigmentosa
Wisconsin Chapter, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COUNCIL ACCREDITED MEMBERS

as of June 30, 1987

Look For This Symbol
of Accredited
Management and
Program Services



Accreditation by NAC signifies that an agency or school for the blind and visually handicapped is committed to meeting nationally accepted standards for quality services, responsible management, and public accountability.

This list of NAC-accredited organizations may be used to assist blind and visually handicapped persons in selecting quality services. And it may also be used to assist the public—which supports these services through contributions and taxes—in identifying high quality and fiscally accountable agencies and schools for the blind and visually handicapped.

Two dates appear for each organization: the year in which accreditation was first achieved, and the year through which accreditation has been awarded.

ALABAMA

Alabama School for the Blind; Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind; Talladega (78-87)
Department of Adult Blind and Deaf, Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind; Talladega (77-88)

ARIZONA

Department for the Visually Handicapped, Arizona State School for the Deaf and the Blind; Tucson (72-87)
Foundation for Blind Children; Scottsdale (78-88)
St. Joseph's Low Vision Service; Tucson (87-91)
State Services for the Blind; Phoenix (71-91)
Tucson Association for the Blind; Tucson (80-90)

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind; Little Rock (76-91)
Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind; Little Rock (69-89)
Arkansas School for the Blind; Little Rock (69-91)

CALIFORNIA

Lions Blind Center; Oakland (83-88)
Sacramento Society for the Blind, Sacramento (73-88)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind (70-89)

FLORIDA

Broward Center for the Blind; Ft. Lauderdale (84-89)
Conklin Center for Multihandicapped Blind; Daytona Beach (81-91)
Department for the Blind, Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, St. Augustine (78-88)
Florida Division of Blind Services; Tallahassee (74-89)
Independence for the Blind; Tallahassee (86-88)
Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches; West Palm Beach (80-90)
Miami Lighthouse, Miami (78-88)
Suncoast Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired; New Port Richey (85-87)
Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind; Tampa (76-92)
Visually Impaired Persons of Southwest Florida; North Ft. Myers (83-88)

GEORGIA

Center for the Visually Impaired; Atlanta (72-91)
Georgia Academy for the Blind, Macon (78-88)
Georgia Industries for the Blind, Bainbridge (78-88)
Savannah Association for the Blind; Savannah (84-89)

HAWAII

Services for the Blind Branch; Honolulu (72-87)

ILLINOIS

Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind; Chicago (71-91)
Hadley School for the Blind; Winnetka (70-87)
Illinois Bureau of Rehabilitation Services for the Blind; Chicago (83-87)
Illinois School for the Visually Impaired; Jacksonville (75-90)

IOWA

Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School; Vinton (71-91)

LOUISIANA

Louisiana Association for the Blind; Shreveport (70-88)

MAINE

Division of Eye Care; Augusta (70-87)
Maine Center for the Blind; Portland (81-92)

MARYLAND

Maryland School for the Blind; Baltimore (69-90)

MASSACHUSETTS

Perkins School for the Blind; Watertown (70-89)

MICHIGAN

Association for the Blind and for Sight Conservation; Grand Rapids (79-89)
Greater Detroit Society for the Blind; Detroit (70-91)
Visually Impaired Center; Flint (82-88)

MINNESOTA

MSB—Founded as Minneapolis Society for the Blind; Minneapolis (70-89)

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi School for the Blind; Jackson (80-88)
Royal Maid Association for the Blind; Hazlehurst (71-92)
Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind; Jackson (73-88)

MISSOURI

Kansas City Association for the Blind; Kansas City (71-92)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire Association for the Blind; Concord (73-89)

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Newark (85-87)
Recording for the Blind; Princeton (72-88)
St. Joseph's School for the Blind; Jersey City (72-88)

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped; Alamogordo (79-89)

NEW YORK

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Greater Rochester; Rochester (76-88)
Blind Association of Western New York; Buffalo (73-87)
Blind Work Association; Binghamton (71-87)
Catholic Guild for the Blind; New York (86-89)
Central Association for the Blind; Utica (77-92)
Glens Falls Association for the Blind; Glens Falls (84-89)
Guiding Eyes for the Blind; Yorktown Heights (74-88)
Helen Keller Services for the Blind; Brooklyn (71-88)
The Jewish Guild for the Blind; New York (72-89)
The Lighthouse—The New York Association for the Blind; New York (70-90)
New York Institute for the Education of the Blind; Bronx (78-88)
Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany; Albany (75-91)
Rockland County Association for the Visually Impaired; Pomona (84-90)
Syracuse Association of Workers for the Blind; Syracuse (71-92)

NORTH CAROLINA

Governor Morehead School; Raleigh (72-87)

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota School for the Blind; Grand Forks (80-90)

ACCREDITED MEMBERS CONTINUED

OHIO

Cincinnati Association for the Blind; Cincinnati	(69-90)
Cloverbrook Home and School for the Blind; Cincinnati	(76-90)
Ohio State School for the Blind; Columbus	(69-90)
The Sight Center; Toledo	(78-88)
Vision Center of Central Ohio; Columbus	(75-89)

OKLAHOMA

Division of Visual Services; Oklahoma City	(78-88)
Oklahoma League for the Blind; Oklahoma City	(78-89)
Parkview School; Muskogee	(70-90)

PENNSYLVANIA

Delaware County Branch, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind; Chester	(84-89)
Lancaster County Branch, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind; Lancaster	(73-92)
Pittsburgh Blind Association; Pittsburgh	(70-90)
William Feinbloom Vision Rehabilitation Center; Philadelphia	(84-89)
York County Blind Center; York	(85-88)

PUERTO RICO

Loaiza Cordero Institute for Blind Children; Santurce	(81-87)
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RHODE ISLAND

IN-SIGHT; Providence	(68-90)
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SOUTH DAKOTA

Division of Services to the Visually Impaired; Pierre	(72-88)
South Dakota School for the Visually Handicapped; Aberdeen	(80-89)

TENNESSEE

Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind; Nashville	(85-87)
Tennessee School for the Blind; Donelson	(70-90)
Volunteer Blind Industries, Morristown	(79-88)

TEXAS

Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind; Dallas	(70-90)
Dallas Services for Visually Impaired Children; Dallas	(70-90)
The Lighthouse of Houston; Houston	(69-91)
Southwest Lighthouse for the Blind; Lubbock	(85-87)
Texas School for the Blind; Austin	(82-92)

UTAH

Utah School for the Blind; Ogden	(85-87)
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VIRGINIA

School for the Blind, Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Hampton; Hampton	(83-88)
Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped; Richmond	(69-89)

WASHINGTON

Lighthouse for the Blind; Seattle	(71-87)
Vision Services—An Agency for the Visually Impaired; Seattle	(84-89)

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia School for the Blind; Romney	(76-90)
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WISCONSIN

Industries for the Blind; Milwaukee	(78-88)
Program for the Visually Impaired, Milwaukee Area Technical College; Milwaukee	(82-87)
Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped; Janesville	(73-88)

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